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Title: PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD INCLUDING A

DEDICATED COLLECTIVE OFFLOAD ENGINE PROVIDING

COLLECTIVE PROCESSING IN A DISTRIBUTED

COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT

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Response to Office Action

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed responsive to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2008, in connection with the above-designated U.S. patent application. *To facilitate prosecution of this application, Applicants' undersigned representative hereby requests an interview with the Examiner at the time the Examiner is considering this Response*. Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.